

July 22 2014

*Ed Smith*  
CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF MONTANA

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

PR 14-0078

INQUIRY CONCERNING COMPLAINT OF  
JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA,

**FILED**

Complainant,

JUL 22 2014

PROCEEDING  
IN PUBLIC  
CENSURE

v.

*Ed Smith*

JUDGE G. TODD BAUGH,

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF MONTANA

Respondent.

CHIEF JUSTICE McGRATH: This is the time and date set for the public censure of District Judge G. Todd Baugh. Judge Baugh, do you have counsel?

Judge Baugh, if you will now come to the well of the Court in front of the rostrum, we will proceed with your public censure.

This proceeding is based on a formal disciplinary complaint filed against you by the Judicial Standards Commission in February of this year. The complaint is based on your actions and public comments in relation to your August 2013 sentencing of an individual for the felony offense of sexual intercourse without consent. You have admitted that your actions and comments in that matter violated Rule 1.2 of the Code of Judicial Conduct, which requires a judge to act in a manner that promotes public confidence in the judiciary. This public censure is being delivered today in accordance with our Opinion and Order dated June 4, 2014.

In that Order we described the statements that you made at the sentencing hearing regarding the 14-year-old victim and her relationship with the defendant, a 47-year-old teacher at the time. We further described public remarks that you made while in court in an effort to justify your previous actions.

Rule 1.2 of the Code of Judicial Conduct requires judges to act in a manner that promotes public confidence in the independence, integrity, and impartiality of the

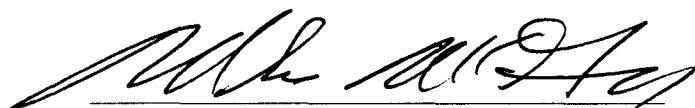
judiciary, and avoids the appearance of impropriety. We have determined that through your inappropriate comments you have eroded public confidence in the judiciary and created an appearance of impropriety in violation of the Montana Code of Judicial Conduct.

Judge Baugh, we hereby impose upon you the public censure of this Court.

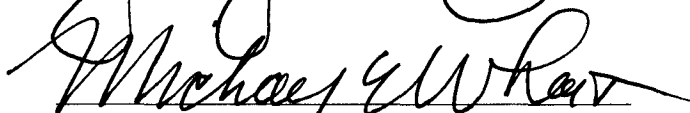
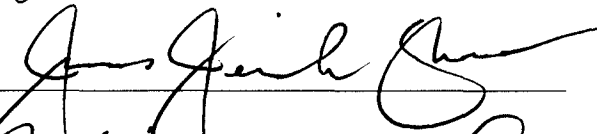
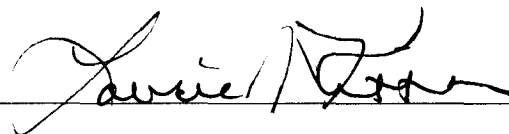
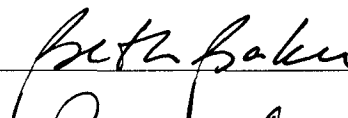
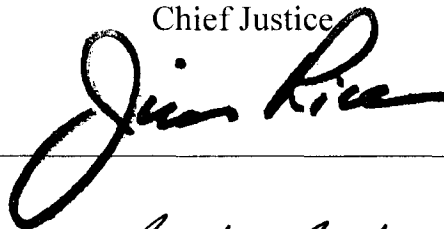
Do you have anything you want to say?

Copies of this Proceeding in Public Censure shall be delivered to you, Judge Baugh, and to the members of the Judicial Standards Commission.

DATED this 22nd day of July, 2014.



Chief Justice



Justices